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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Rev. Jerry McNeill elected Tribal Chairman



served on the Tribal Council for four years. He overcame challengers Albert C. Hunt, Dorothy Lowery and Harold G. Dial.

McNeill stated that he was thankful first of all to God for the opportunity to serve and secondly to the people. He pledges a new focus for the executive branch of government and states that he will seek grants and other funding to assist tribal members. "The issue of the tribal council versus LRDA is a matter for the courts," he said. "I will let the courts handle that issue and will attempt to re-focus the direction of our government to issues other than LRDA."

Rev. McNeill also stated that he would operate the Executive Branch of Government Office separate and apart from the tribal government office. He is encouraging tribal members to speak with their respective council members relative to a 21-member Advisory Committee for the executive branch of government. He stated that this committee would be recommended by the members of the tribal council. Anyone wishing to serve should approach their respective council member for this appointment.

On Saturday, September 26, Rev. Jerry McNeill overcame three other challengers, and was elected Tribal Chairman, the second Tribal Chairman in the history of the Lumbee Tribe. Rev. McNeill is pastor of Riverside Independent Baptist Church and has



Seeks seat on EMC Board

Thomas H. (Tommy) Fumage of Rt. # 1, Parkton has announced his candidacy for the Board of Directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation as a representative of District 8.

Mr. Fumage is a native of Cumberland County and is employed by the Cumberland County Board of Education. He attended the Public Schools of Parkton and is a graduate of Parkton High School. He is an active member of the Parkton Baptist Church where he serves as a Deacon and has served as superintendent of Sunday School and Vice President of the Men's Brotherhood. He is a member of the Parkton Puritan Club and was selected by his fellow members as Puritan of the year in both 1974 and 1978.

Mr. Fumage states that having been a member of Rural Electric Association for 40 years, he feels that he is well qualified to represent and speak for the interest of the REA members of District 8.

Reading for Success Workshops scheduled

The Robeson County Church and Community Center offers (at no charge) a Reading for Success Workshop, a three session workshop to train volunteer tutors. These certified tutors are prepared to tutor school children, in reading at the county elementary schools. The workshops will be held in a resource room at the planetarium of the Public Schools of Robeson County.

For more information and/or to register for a workshop call Polly or Dan Cunningham (trainers) at 521-4230 or the Robeson County Church and Community Center at 738-5204. Workshop #9- Thursday, October 8, 15, and 22, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Workshop #10- Tuesdays, October 13, 20 and 27, 6-9 p.m.

Pembroke High Class of '68 to hold reunion

The Pembroke High School Class of 1968 is sponsoring their 30th reunion November 27, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. at Pembroke Jaycee Hut. All class members are invited and encouraged to attend. For additional information contact Robert Chavis, (910) 521-8891 or Dorothy H. Otten, 738-7648. Deadline is October 31, 1998.

Assistant Teacher of the Year named at Deep Branch

Teacher Assistant of the Year is Ms. Vista Locklear, who works with Ms. Joanna Sampson's third grade class. Ms. Locklear has assisted teachers for 25 years, four of those years at Deep Branch. Her hobbies include sewing and shopping. She is married to Ernie Locklear, a retired assistant principal. They have one daughter, Stephanie.

Teacher of the Year is Ms. Diane Hunt, fifth grade teacher who has four years experience, all at Deep Branch. Ms. Hunt holds a Bachelor of Science degree in K-6 Education. Her hobbies include volleyball, softball and reading. She and her husband, Nelson Hunt, have three children, Anitra, Elecia and Brandon.

Democratic Women to meet

The Robeson County Democratic Women will hold a Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 1998 at the Pine Crest Country Club, Lumberton. Judge James A. Wynn Jr. of the North Carolina Court of Appeals will be the guest speaker.

Everyone is invited to attend. For additional information call 521-9092, 628-6642 or 521-0045.

Plate sale planned

A barbecue plate sale will be held on Saturday, October 3 at the Cornerstone Freewill Assembly located on Highway 83, Maxton.

The plate sale will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 6 p.m. All during the day various gospel groups will render songs of praise and worship. The public is invited to come by and visit. All monies raised will go toward the church building fund. The pastor, Carleton Ray Jacobs and the congregation of Cornerstone welcome you!

Piney Grove news

A reception was recently held to honor Piney Grove School's teacher and teacher assistant of the year, Mr. Jackie Wilkins, the teacher of the year, teaches fourth grade. The teacher assistant of the year is Mrs. Margaret Oxendine. Ms. Oxendine has assisted with third grade and this year with kindergarten. Both persons were presented a plaque to commend them for their extraordinary efforts.

Lumber River Designated Scenic River

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that the Lumber River had been officially designated a National Wild and Scenic River. A ceremony for this announcement is scheduled for the Saturday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lumber River State Park at princess Ann Landing. McIntyre, along with other officials, will participate in this event.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "The Lumber River is a great source of pride, recreation, and commerce for southeastern North Carolina. This federal recognition is a crowning jewel for this beautiful river and many people who enjoy it daily. I want to thank Secretary Babbitt, Governor Hunt, local officials, volunteer supporters, and the National Park Service for their work and cooperation in this effort."

Over the last year, Representative McIntyre has actively supported the designation of the Lumber River in the National Wildlife and Scenic River System. He recently wrote and called the U.S. Secretary of the Interior for this designation. On April 15, 1996, Governor Hunt petitioned the Secretary of the Interior for this designation. The National Park Service's Southeast Regional Office recently completed an eligibility report and environmental assessment of the river. The Regional office had recommended that the river be designated wild and scenic.

The Lumber River is located in south-central North Carolina in the relatively flat physiographic region known as the Coastal Plain. The river's headwaters are in Montgomery, Moore and Scotland Counties, where the river is known as Drowning Creek. The waterway known as the Lumber River extends from State Routes 1412/1203 along the Scotland/Hoke county border through Robeson county to the North Carolina-South Carolina state border.



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"West Eagle Job Net" The President of West Eagle Job Net and His Staff were at the Pembroke Day Celebration, at UNCP, September 23, 1998. They were there to spread the opportunities of employment with their company to the Pembroke community and any interested individuals.

Pembroke Skateland to host special events

Roller Skating Takes Spotlight during National Roller Skating Month. In honor of roller skating and the fun and excitement it brings to people of all ages, October will be celebrated as National Roller Skating Month. Skating centers across the world will promote skating and the many other activities kids and adults can participate in when they visit their local skating centers. "Roller Skating—It's a Party!" is the theme chosen for this year's celebration. From birthday parties to all-night parties to skating marathons, skating centers provide a wide range of entertainment to interest skaters from ages three to 103.

Pembroke Skateland, at 305 College Plaza in Pembroke, will be joining in the festivities to host these special activities during the month of October: Party Special—For the month of October we will offer a party package at the discounted price of \$50.00.

October 12th there will be an "All-Day Skate", at this event skaters will receive a free hot dog and drink.

October 16th there will be a "Lock-In-Skate", skaters can skate from 7:30 to 7:30, various activities will happen throughout the night.

October 31st will be our Halloween Skate and Dance, customers can wear their costumes and participate in our Halloween Bash.

For more information about these activities, call Pembroke Skateland at 910-521-0990.

Try roller skating—it's a party!! National Roller Skating Month is sponsored by the Roller Skating Association International.

Farmers Day Parade

On Saturday October 17th the Fairmont Farmers Day Parade will get a big boost in downtown. Prior to the parade three strongmen calling themselves Omega Force will put on a strength demonstration that is sure to have area residents talking for some time.

The program featuring Kirk Nobles of Fairmont/Orrum, Steve Jack of Winston-Salem, and John Brookfield of Pinhurst will begin at 9:00 am in front of the reviewing stand in the center of main street. These three strongmen became celebrities in late March when they teamed to pull a 27,000 lb. 18 wheeler 1 mile in a little over 2 hours to set a Guinness World Record. A crowd of about 200 Fairmont area residents turned out to cheer them on. The attempt was certified and will appear in a future edition of the Guinness World Book.

The Farmers Day Event will feature Nobles, Jack, and Brookfield demonstrating their special strength skills which include steel bar bending, log lifting, stone lifting (Steve Jack is a stone lifter and the author of Stones and Strength), and assorted

feats demonstrating John Brookfield's hand strength (has authored of Hands and Strength). He is also in the Guinness Book for tearing plastic decks of playing cards in record time. These three performed some of these feats prior to the truck pull in March at the McDonalds in Fairmont.

Following the individual strength acts they will lift the side of a car with passengers and rotate the tires on one side, put it down, pick up the other side and repeat the process. Nobles plans to hand pull an 18,000 lb. fertilizer spreader truck 100 feet. As a finale to the 45 minute show Brookfield will attempt to set a Guinness World Record by crushing full soda cans with his bare hands in a minute. This portion portion of the demonstration is sponsored by McDonalds of Fairmont owned by Kenneth and Lisa Rust.

The public is encouraged to attend this very special pre-parade event and watch as these truly amazing men show off their special skills and talents. It is advised that spectators arrive early to get a good seat for this event and the Farmers Day Parade which will follow at 10:00/

Energy Assistance Available

The Robeson County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications on October 5th and continue thru October 16, 1998 for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

Applicants who qualify will receive a one-time payment to assist with high fuel bills for the winter. To qualify, applicants must meet certain requirements. A household's total income must be at or below 110 percent of the current poverty level, that means a one-person household can have a monthly income of \$724 or less per month to qualify while a family of four can have no more than \$1,472 per month.

Applicants must be directly responsible for heating bills. Applicants should bring with them information about their income, including social security information.

LIEAP is not on a first come, first served basis; all qualifying households will receive assistance. The amount of assistance a household receives will be determined by the number of people in the home, the income the household receives and the type of heating fuel that is used.

Food stamp households active as members as of September 30, 1998 whose members all are 60 or older, will be automatically evaluated for LIEAP benefits. The households will receive an automatic payment for heating cost if they meet all LIEAP guidelines. Most of the other food stamp households will be mailed a LIEAP application during the week of October 5th thru October 9, 1998. These applications are to be completed by the household and mailed to the Robeson County Department of Social Services, 435 Caton Road, Lumberton, N.C. 28360.

There will be a small number of food stamp households that cannot apply by mail. These households will receive a letter informing them that they must go to the Department of Social Services to apply.

Other households that include disabled persons, families with young children and elderly persons may apply for LIEAP at the county Department of Social Services.

Robeson County accepts applications for the Black and White population. Lumbee Regional Development Association serves the Indian population.

Crackdown on litterbugs promised

The county will be more aggressive about catching litterbugs, Sheriff Glenn Maynor and other county leaders promised on Monday.

Maynor spoke at the county's annual Keep Robeson County Clean and Green Committee meeting. About 150 people attended, including lawmen, Chamber of Commerce members, representatives of the county school, town officials and others. The committee strives to clean up Robeson County, persuading people to properly dispose of their trash.

Maynor said he is adjusting work schedules to put more officers on the road. This is to improve coverage of the county overall, and part of that includes watching for and citing litterbugs. But Maynor noted that people tend to postpone dumping their garbage by the roadside if they see a deputy nearby. Officers find the litterbugs more often by luck than anything else, he said.

When they do catch people, they'll issue tickets. Littering carries fines of \$100 to \$1,000, plus \$85 in court costs.

Health Director Bill Smith said the Health Department can help clean up neighborhoods.

"Health - it's not an absence of disease. It's a quality of life issue," he said. He noted that a trashy area fosters more trashy areas, and that one house with junk and an over-

grown lot can ruin a whole neighborhood. The Health Department can use nuisance ordinances to force property owners to clean up their lots, he said.

The county has created two new litter-control jobs, said County Commission Chairman Johnny Hunt, bringing the staff to four people. These officers track down and prosecute people who illegally dump garbage.

The county has about 50 trash collection sites. Even though they have trash bins, many people don't bother to use them, and instead dump their garbage on the ground near bins. Hunt said that the county will find the 10 worst sites and put people there to make sure people put their trash in the bins.

By cleaning up, Robeson County can enhance its chances of bringing more jobs, said Economic Development Director, Greg Cummings. He said he sometimes has to take industrial representatives on detours as they tour the county so that they don't see the trashy areas. Otherwise, as they decide whether they want to build a factory here, they're looking at the trash, they're looking at the litter in Robeson County."

The meeting was held at the O.P. Owens Agricultural Center, sponsored by the Robeson County Committee of 100. State Representative Ron Sutton, and anti-litter advocate Wilton Wilkerson

Flu and Pneumonia Shots to Begin Soon

Fall is here, and so is the season for flu and pneumonia shots. Governor Hunt has proclaimed October as "Senior Vaccination Season" in North Carolina. To kickoff the month long immunization campaign, the Robeson County Health Department with the cooperation of many health care providers, will sponsor "Senior Vaccination Sunday" on October 4th from noon until 6:00 pm.

On this Sunday, county residents age 65 and older may visit one of eight available clinics for free flu and pneumonia shots. The shots are covered by Medicare Part B, so persons should bring their Medicare Card with them. The following immunizations sites will be open on Sunday, October 4th, 1998.

Maxton Medical Center
Robeson Community College
Robeson County Health Department
Robeson Family Practice, Red Springs
Rowland Medical Clinic
South Robeson Medical Clinic, Fairmont
St. Pauls Medical Clinic
University of N.C. at Pembroke
Although flu and pneumonia are easily prevented by safe and effective immunizations, they remain major public health problems in North Carolina. This is especially true among

senior citizens who are more likely to develop life threatening illnesses from these infections. More than 2,500 North Carolinians died in 1996 due to flu and pneumonia; 88% were age 65 and older.

There are many common misconceptions about the flu shot. For example, many people believe that the shot causes the flu. This is not true, since the shot contains no "live" viruses. Some people may catch a cold one or two weeks following the shot, but this is not a result of the flu shot. To protect against the flu, a person must get the shot each year. For most people, one pneumonia shot last a lifetime.

A person may still get the flu shot even if they have a minor illness, slight fever, upper respiratory infection or allergies. The health care provider will make the final decision.

1998 marks the third year that the Robeson County Health Department has conducted a "Senior Vaccination Sunday" Campaign. Last year, a total of 893 influenza and 257 pneumonia shots were given on "Senior Vaccination Sunday". The Health Department hopes to reach even more senior citizens this year.

For more information about flu and pneumonia shots, contact the Robeson County Health Department at 671-3200.